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Dear Missourians,

It is my pleasure to unveil a new initiative called Downtown Revitalization Economic Assistance for Missouri, or more simply—the DREAM Initiative. As I have traveled the state, I have seen many once prosperous areas that suffer from a lack of investment and resources. Historical buildings crumble and opportunities are lost for the community members who would benefit from the jobs and revenues created by a strong central business district and downtown revitalization. As your governor, I am committed to creating opportunities for the people of this state and to help Missourians keep and create good, family-supporting jobs in their communities. The DREAM Initiative is an important part of that commitment.

Missouri's designated DREAM communities will be high priorities for the partner agencies' resources that will help the communities to accomplish their downtown revitalization objectives, draw new investments and create good family-supporting jobs. The designated communities will have access to an array of programs and technical assistance that can help with everything from infrastructure improvements, historic preservation efforts, and affordable housing to community services, business development and job creation.

I encourage all interested communities to explore this Internet site and consider applying for this designation. The DREAM Initiative is supported by a solid collaboration among the Missouri Department of Economic Development, the Missouri Development Finance Board and the Missouri Housing Development Commission.

I look forward to partnering with communities across our state to turn a dream to reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Blunt".

Matt Blunt